

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final Office Action dated January 24, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended 1, 21 and 24, and have cancelled claims 22-23 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-14, 16-21 and 24 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 21 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Although Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, claims 1, 21 and 24 are amended for the sole purpose of expediting the prosecution of the present application. Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn in view of the current amendments in claims 1, 21 and 24.

In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2-14 and 16-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshizoe (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0025867). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 is allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...wherein a size of the connection part is such that a sealant of the connection part does not come into contact with the cut line when the first and second substrates are attached together." None of the cited references including Yoshizoe, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 and claims 2-14, which depend from claim 1, are allowable over the cited references.

Claim 21 is allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...wherein a connection portion between the start portion and the main portion and a connection portion between the main portion and the end portion cross each other, and wherein a size of the connection portion is such that a sealant of the connection portion does not come into contact with a cut line outside the seal pattern when the first and second substrates are attached together..." None of the cited references including Yoshizoe, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed

invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 21 and claims 15-20, which depend from claim 21, are allowable over the cited references.

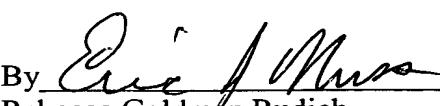
Claim 24 is allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...bonding the first and second substrates, wherein a connection portion between the start portion and the main portion and a connection portion between the main portion and the end portion cross each other, and wherein a size of the connection part is such that a sealant of the connection part does not come into contact with a cut line outside the seal pattern when the first and second substrates are bonded together..." None of the cited references including Yoshizoe, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 24 is allowable over the cited references.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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